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Amendments to the Specification

On page 3, first full paragraph, on lines 7 and 9, please amend the callout number of the titanium layer 8 to 28 as follows:

The dielectric portion 22 of the hybrid mirror comprised alternating one-quarter wavelength thick layers of a high index of refraction dielectric material and a low index of refraction dielectric material. In this approach an absorptive titanium layer [[8]] 28 was formed at the low-to-high index transition closest to the emitting facet. In this embodiment the titanium layer [[8]] 28 was processed to remove it from within the aperture formed by an upper ohmic contact 30 to reduce the absorption losses as seen from the cavity. However, this approach provides less absorption of the optical feedback as seen from the external cavity. In particular, the large number of longitudinal modes that appear in the transmission spectrum due to the external cavity is not reduced.